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1. Detween October 1947 and March 1948, the Naggonfabrik Dessau produced 900 new Russian-gauge heavy freight cars. that the capacity of these freight cars is, in fact, 60 tons, although they are labeled as 20-ton cars. The construction is of very high quality. Raw materials come largely from the U.S.S.R. and partly from the western zones. The cars are all despatched to the U.S.S.M. via Frest-Litovsk.

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Since March 1948, production of eight-axle low platform cars has taken place. Six to ten 80-ton cars with a load capacity of 200 tons were manufactured by the beginning of May. These cars are built to carry railway guns and have platform markings for long-range runs. No target figures ve been laid down. Production is held up by a shortage of springs and other parts.

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